



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

*Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—
compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise*



October 20, 2024

Welcome!

*Jesus Christ and our faith community
welcome you to worship today.*

Today's Service

Ordinary Time

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary — if by ordinary we mean less important — about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Job 38:1-7 (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53: 4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie Finley
Justin Engelland
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Lakeminster Ringers
Cherub & Carol Choirs
Rick Day
Gonzalo Zarazaga



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Nursery children up to 3 years
Opens at 9:00 AM, Room 212

Sunday School ages 3 through 4th Grade
During worship, Rooms 213, 215, 219
On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Chapel and return for Communion.

Fellowship
10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Visiting First Pres?

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card in your pews. An usher will collect them later in the service.

Joys & Concerns

We are a community that prays for and with one another. We invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card to share your prayer request.

Prelude

Ein Feste Burg
Dietrich Buxtehude

How Can I Keep from Singing
Robert Lowry, arr. Cathy Moglebust



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

The Welcome

Introit

This is the Day
Les Garrett

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
People: a home of peace and plenty.
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
People: a refuge when trouble is near.
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
People: a temple that will stand forever.

*Hymn of Praise No. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand by you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your name. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Following the Anthem, children in preschool through 4th grade will go to their Faith Building classrooms. Please pick up your children on the 2nd floor following worship.

Anthem

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you: allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you: allelu, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

New Testament, page 47 in pew Bible

Sermon

Jon Wasson

“More at Stake”

*Hymn of Response No. 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Moment for Stewardship

Invitation to the Offering



You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to firstchurchlf.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

Like as the Hart
Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
— Psalm 42:1-3

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Sending No. 275**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, you hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages,

Amen.

***Postlude**

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Joys & Concerns

Joys

The joy of Jon Wasson's one year anniversary here at First Church as our Senior Pastor.

Concerns

For Tom Gallagher, Jim Young's brother-in-law, who had surgery for brain cancer and is recovering.

For Liz Farwell recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Duane Wise and his family following the death of his wife, Janet, on October 4.

For Jeffrey Kordell and his family on the death of his father, Leon Kordell.

For Emily Gilley and Elizabeth Payne and their families on the death of their grandmother.

For Elyse Brakefield Clark recovering from eye surgery.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. You may email your prayer requests to pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call 224.544.1967.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks. Please let us know if prayer continues to be requested.

Prayer Chain For confidential prayers, you may email prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

Serve, Learn, & Connect

Engagement & Membership

Diane Quinn

engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe

sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org

Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson

Weekly Ministries

For details and schedule visit our website at firstchurchlf.org/ministries

SUNDAYS

Early Word Bible Study

8:30 AM, South Parlor

Middle School Youth Group

Most Sundays, 5:00 PM, Youth Lounge

Senior High Youth Group

Most Sundays, 7:00 PM, Youth Lounge

TUESDAYS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 PM, South Parlor

Adult Bible Study

1:00 PM, Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

THURSDAYS

Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

FRIDAYS

Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Announcements

Meet Your Deacon Month October 20, 27

The Deacons are called to compassionate witness and service to the congregation which brings with it the benefit of increased communication and personal interaction. The Deacons look forward to meeting their Parish members in fellowship after worship during the month of October.

All Saints' Sunday & Labyrinth

Sunday, November 3 we will remember and honor the saints in our lives during worship and by walking the labyrinth on the South Lawn. If you have lost an immediate family member, and would like their name read, please contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

Sign up for our newsletter!

Scan the QR code or go to firstchurchlf.org to receive news and updates.



Pledge Sunday Sunday, October 27

This year we invite you to "Be Here Now" by making a financial pledge to the church. And for the first time ever, during fellowship, committee and ministry leaders, and some of our mission partners will be available to greet those interested in finding new ways to engage in the life of our congregation. View our stewardship video and make your 2025 pledge online at firstchurchlf.org/give.

All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC)

The All Church Nominating Committee is beginning the process of gathering names of servant leaders for our church Elders, Deacons and Members-at-Large of the ACNC. You are encouraged to offer nominations including self-nominations. The ACNC will consider all nominations and propose a slate of candidates for congregational vote at our Annual Meeting. Nominations are due by November 24. Forms can be found on the nametag tables as well as online at firstchurchlf.org/acnc.

Hurricane Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with all affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. They have approved several initial assistance grant requests and are anticipating additional requests from affected presbyteries to help respond to needs in their communities. If you would like to donate to assist their efforts, scan the QR code or visit presbyterianmission.org/donate/dr000169/.



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